

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: DULLIEN et al

Serial No.:

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For: Process And Device For Eliminating The Particles Contained  
In A Stream Of Fluid

Group: 1724

Examiner: Bushey, C.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 4, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning at line 1, insert:

--This is a divisional application of US Serial No. 09/488,834, filed January  
21, 2000, which is a divisional application of US Serial No. 08/727,641, filed March  
27, 1997 (now US Patent No. 6,063,165), which is a continuation of application Serial  
No. 08/406,393, filed March 20, 1995 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-  
part of application Serial No. 08/290,883, filed September 13, 1994 (now abandoned).

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 5 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject  
matter contained therein.